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Senior Project Lottery Gets Signups

More than 400 people have entered the lottery to win one of 54 apartment units in Heritage Park in Arcadia. The lottery may be held as early as May, officials said.

The low-to-moderate-income apartment complex is being constructed by American Senior Living on a 1.5-acre site bordered by Live Oak, Las Tunas, El Monte Avenue and the Arcadia Wash. Completion is expected this summer.

The lottery is weighted to give more opportunities for Arcadia residents and especially for long-term residents.

The project is open to seniors 62 and older who meet income standards. Rents will range from $484 for one-bedroom units to $708 for two-bedroom units.

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VP Cheney Tours JPL, Helps Bush Announce Space Initiative

Vice President Dick Cheney visited JPL on Wednesday to visit the team that got Rover to Mars, and to further announce President George Bush's space initiative. He is pictured with JPL Director Dr. Charles Elachi and Pete Theisinger, Mars Mission Project Manager. *-Photos by Terry Miller*

By Neil Nisperos

Vice President Dick Cheney visited the Jet Propulsion Laboratory Wednesday and echoed President George Bush's announced initiative earlier that day to return man to the moon in the next decade and for the later manned exploration of Mars and "worlds beyond."

"It's an honor to spend some time with America's most dedicated and successful scientists and researchers," Cheney said. "I've just taken a tour of the rover's operation center here at the lab and had a tremendous briefing, but don't worry—I did not touch the controls."

Cheney said he appreci-

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Cities, Counties Take Budget Hit

By Charles Cooper

City and county officials are reeling from a new fiscal blow as Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger is proposing a state taking of local property tax revenue.

In his budget message Friday, the governor called for a shift of $1.3 billion in property taxes from cities and counties to help fund schools.

According to the League of California Cities, the tax shift will cost Arcadia $485,872, Monrovia $350,449, Pasadena $1.5 million and Sierra Madre $136,514.

League President Ron Loveridge, mayor of Rialto, said, "This isn't a solution; it's a shell game that will force cutbacks in police emergency services, after-school programs for kids and other local services."

Bill Kelly, Arcadia city manager, said this week the city is still trying to get hard numbers on what the cut will mean to the local budget.

"We know we will lose funds," he said, indicating he will have hard numbers by the time of the mid-year budget review next month.

Sierra Madre Mayor Bart Doyle said he was "extremely disappointed" in the governor's budget plans.

"It really does us no good to get backfill on the vehicle license fee if the money is going to be taken away somewhere else," he said. "We're still not being made whole. They're

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Arcadia's Time Capsule Will Not Be Buried

Time will stand still for at least 100 years in this beautifully carved box created by Members of the Santa Anita Woodcarvers carved the box that will serve as the Arcadia's time capsule, which was unveiled at last week's City Council meeting. *-Photos by Terry Miller*

FLORENCE AT CABINETRY BLDG

By Dorothy Denne

The time capsule marking Arcadia's first 100 years will not be buried in the ground and forgotten. Instead, it will be housed in a hand-carved Honduran Mahogany chest.

The carving on the chest's side panels depicts symbols of Arcadia: Peacock, Oak tree, Queen Anne Cottage and Santa Anita Park. The top displays Arcadia's city seal.

The carving was made by members of Santa Anita Wood Carvers, who volunteered their time. They were recognized

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Santa Teresita Discontinues Its Emergency Care

Area Hospitals Absorb Patients

By Mary Riherd

Santa Teresita Hospital in Duarte closed its emergency room and acute-care services Friday, a decision hospital officials said was based on cash-flow challenges and new state-mandated staffing ratios.

Curtailing acute services was necessary to preserve the long-term component of the facility, officials said at a press conference Thursday.

The closures forced the hospital to lay off 100 nurses and ward clerks with little notice from the obstetrics and medical-surgical departments, emergency room, and intensive care unit.

The skilled nursing facility, which cares for 150 long-term patients, is slated to remain open.

The outpatient surgery department is still open as well, said Mike Costello, president and CEO of Santa Teresita.

"This is obviously a difficult time for our institution and it is a situation we had hoped would never have to be faced at either Santa Teresita or any other institution," he said.

Five of the 20 patients at the hospital were transferred to area hospitals on Friday, while the remaining patients were relocated to the facility's skilled

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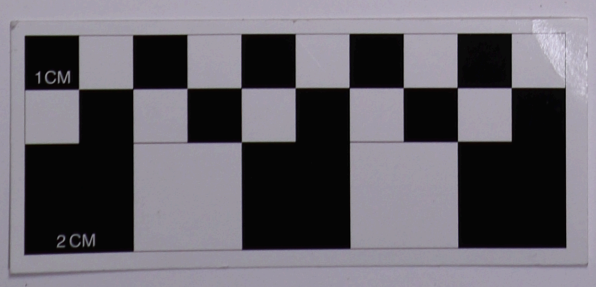
Mike Costello, president and CEO of Santa Teresita Hospital in Duarte, and Sister Michelle Clines, chair of the hospital's board of directors, announced the closure of the hospital's emergency room and acute-care services on Thursday. *–Photos by Terry Miller*



EXPO2004 at Westfield Shopping town Santa Anita

The Arcadia Chamber of Commerce will present EXPO2004 on Saturday Jan. 31, 2004 at Westfield ShoppingTown, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. This event annually exposes businesses to over 20,000 potential customers. Arcadia Chamber members receive a discounted price for a table/space, but non-members also wishing to participate are encouraged to sign-up now. Call to register at (626) 447-2159 or fax 445-0273.

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Certain common vision problems are a dead ringer for attention deficit disorder (ADD). This workshop teaches parents, teachers and professionals to identify vision problems that imitate ADD, or which make it worse, and presents an update on the state of current research and clinical solutions.

Inability to concentrate on near visual work is both an ADD symptom and a sign of a vision problem that interferes with learning. Resolving the vision problem often noticeably improves the concentration of ADD. Not everyone wants to use psychotropic drugs to control ADD.

The workshop will be held Jan. 28, 7-8:30 p.m., at the office of Derek Tong, OD, 5546 Rosemead Blvd., Suite 207, Temple City.

For more information or reservations, call (626) 614-8303. The event is free.

Porcelain Artists of California

"Silver Reflections" is the theme of the 25th anniversary show of the Porcelain Artists of California, with honored artist Gwen Streit.

The show takes place January 23, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., and January 24, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at Masonic Temple, 50 Duarte Rd., Arcadia. Donation of $5. Free parking and free demonstrations, vendors, door prizes, exhibits and hand painted china, and special drawings.

For more information, contact Elaine Miechowicz, (909) 620-4927 or Betty Dietrich, (626) 964-0223.

Arcadia Music Club's Spaghetti Dinner

The Arcadia Music Club's 37th annual Spaghetti Dinner and Recognition show will be held Jan. 17, at Arcadia High School, 180 Campus Dr. The Apache Marching Band, Pep Band, Color Guard, Princesses, Percussion and Drum Major will put on three fabulous shows at 5, 7 and 9 p.m. in AHS North Gym.A delicious pasta dinner will be served in the AHS cafeteria from 4-9 p.m. Money raised by the music club goes to help fund the band, auxiliary guard and orchestra programs. Tickets are available from any band or auxiliary student or at the door for $7.

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KGEM Production Classes for Youth

KGEM, Monrovia's community access television station, will host a new session of television and video production classes for youth beginning on Feb. 11. All youth ages 14-21 in Monrovia and surrounding communities are invited to participate in this FREE 12-week program. Students can enroll in either Session A (Wednesdays 4pm-6pm) or Session B (Fridays 4pm-6pm) on a first-come, first-served basis. Anyone interested should contact Youth Education Program Manager Lauren Silverman at (626) 357-4974 or Lauren@kgem.tv. Class size limited.

Annual Financial Aid Night

Monrovia High School Financial Aid Night will be held Thursday, Jan. 15, 7-8:30 p.m., in Monrovia High School library in English, and College & Career Center in Spanish. The Financial Aid Program is scheduled as a two-part program. Part 1 will give a general overview of financial aid and the financial aid process. Part 2 will assist parents and students in filling out the FAFSA application.

SIERRA MADRE

Sierra Madre Library Temporary Closure

The library will be closed Monday, Jan. 19, in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. The library is located at 440 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre. For more information call

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